

## TO ADJUST RATE SYSTEM OF ROADS

Noncompetitive Situation Result Government Control to Cause Early Change Rates.

Washington, Jan. 9.—General readjustment of the country's complicated rate system to fit the new non-competitive situation will be one of the early outgrowths of government railroad operation, it was officially indicated today. Many readjustments considered inevitable involve material increases in rates.

The interstate commerce commission's attention has been called to a number of abnormally low rate schedules caused by competition between railroads whose rivalries have now ceased. Consequently the basic cause for the low rates has been removed, and the expected result is the development of agitation for a general modification.

**Method Not Determined.**  
The method of accomplishing this has not been worked out, but many officials believe the interstate commerce commission eventually will have to take the initiative in revising rates. Any increases or decreases in rates would have to be made a case at a time and the entire process would extend over a year or more.

The power of Director-General McAdoo to determine rates has not yet been ascertained clearly, but it is believed he would not attempt to order rate modifications without the approval of the commission. Temporarily railroads have been left free to conduct their own rate questions.

**Employees Pressing Claims.**  
Railroad employees other than those comprised in the four great brotherhoods are pressing for a consideration of their interests by Director-General McAdoo.

S. E. Heberling, president of the Switchmen's Union of North America, saw Mr. McAdoo for a discussion of the demands of yard employees for substantial wage increases. The four brotherhoods represent only 250,000 out of the 1,700,000 railway workers, according to Mr. Heberling, and the interests of less powerful groups should not be lost sight of.

Maintenance of way employees, the largest of the railroad unions, recently requested the federal board of mediation and conciliation to call the attention of the director-general to their interests, but because the law limits the activities of the board to mediation in disputes affecting operating employees, the request was refused.

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The Order of Railway Telegraphers has been making demands for increased wages and improved working conditions on individual systems throughout the country. The switchmen's union is the only union besides the four brotherhoods which ever has presented a demand to the transportation systems of the country as a whole.

### COUNTRY BOYS NOT SUPERIOR TO CITY-BRED

Washington, Jan. 9.—The provost general's office authorizes the following:

The common belief that the average of physical soundness is higher among country boys than among the city bred is not supported by the records of the army. For the purpose of comparison, a selection was made of a typical set of cities of 40,000 to 500,000 population, with no large immigrant element, and distributed over ten different states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New York and South Carolina, and a corresponding set of counties of the same total size, located in the same states and containing no city of 30,000 population. The total number of registrants in the two sets of areas was 215,000. The comparison resulted as follows: Of 52,017 registrants in urban areas, 9,969 were rejected. Of 44,462 registrants in rural areas 12,432 were rejected. In other words, 23.47 per cent of the city boys were rejected as against 27.96 per cent of the country boys.

It will be seen that the result is virtually a tie. The country lad, accustomed to hard physical labor, may be more muscular than his city cousin, but he is not superior in the possession of the degree of physical soundness essential to his acceptance as a soldier.

### COUNTER-ATTACK PROVES DISASTROUS TO GERMANS

London, Jan. 9.—"This morning," says the official report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters, "the enemy by a local attack, supported by mines, succeeded in gaining a footing in our trenches east of Bullecourt, but a counter attack was completely successful in restoring our line. Eighteen prisoners were left in our hands."

### FARMER KILLS HIMSELF TO ESCAPE SERVICE

Blue Mountain, Miss., Jan. 9.—According to reports received here yesterday from Tippa county, Kile Wilbanks, 24, a well-known farmer, upon being notified that he had been placed in class 1 of the selective draft, shot and killed himself with a shotgun. His mother, overcome with grief at the son's death, severed her jugular vein with a butcher knife and bled to death.

### CANADIAN WAR BOARD ASKS TO USE TRANSIENT LABOR

Montreal, Jan. 9.—The Dominion railway war board yesterday decided to petition the government to use "labor continually passing through the country en route to Europe," to tear up a number of lines which are being abandoned and the rails from which will be utilized to make necessary repairs to the main arteries of traffic. The dominion food controller will also be urged to ask the government to use this same labor on the farms so that more foodstuffs can be grown.

### WROTE TOO MUCH ON HIS QUESTIONNAIRE

Birmingham, Jan. 9.—Jacob Arnold, 41, a well-known young man of Birmingham, was placed in jail last night in default of \$2,000 bond by department of justice agents. Across the face of his questionnaire he wrote: "I hereby claim the exemption given me by the United States constitution from all military service, except for the purpose of executing the laws of the Union, suppressing rebellion and to repel invasion." On June 5, 1917, when filling out his registration blank he wrote under the captions of exemptions "From all foreign service."

### U-BOAT TRIED TO SINK BALFOUR'S SHIP

American War Vessel, However, Sank Craft After Failure to Torpedo Steamer.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 9.—The story of an attempt by a German submarine to sink the ship on which Arthur J. Balfour, British secretary for foreign affairs, returned to England after his visit to the United States and of the destruction of the submarine by an American war vessel is told in a letter to H. P. Wright, a broker here. Mr. Wright said the letter was from "an American business man, now located in Canada," who was a passenger on the ship.

The letter says that the steamship was the Baltic, which left New York Aug. 23. After three days' zigzag course it reached Halifax and remained there eleven days. On Sept. 4 it was "joined by fourteen convoys from New York and thirty destroyers" and the trip was begun. Out at sea, the letter says, eight British men-of-war joined them. "At 7 o'clock, Sept. 14," the letter goes on, "as we were entering the English channel, our captain got a rocket from a British trawler which notified him that there was a submarine back of him, on receipt of which information he turned his ship at right angles and the shot intended for us passed by. The American war vessel that was on our left enveloped itself in a dense black smoke, and was on top of the submarine before it could adjust itself to submerge and blew it up."

### MACHINE TO TUNNEL UNDER ENEMY TRENCHES

Washington, Jan. 9.—An automatic tunneling machine, designed for boring subterranean passages beneath enemy positions, will be presented to Secretary Baker by Representative Niels Juul, of Illinois, on behalf of P. J. Bergeren, a Chicago inventor. It is said that prior to America's entry into the war Germany negotiated for purchase of the device, but was blocked through the activities of the British secret service.

### SNOW REDUCES FIGHTING ACTIVITY TO MINIMUM

Rome, Jan. 9.—The official statement from general headquarters yesterday says: "Snow and bad weather have reduced the fighting activity to a minimum. There were artillery actions of some intensity only in the eastern sector of the front. In the Monte Tomba, Montenero and Montello regions. North of Monteleone our reconnaissance patrols captured a few prisoners."

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### MORE THAN 100 LOOTERS SHOT IN GUATEMALA

San Salvador, Jan. 9.—The newspapers print with reserve a report brought here by a traveler from Guatemala to the effect that the number of persons killed in the recent earthquakes in Guatemala was estimated at 6,000. The traveler said that more than 100 persons were shot while robbing the dead. He added that many of the inhabitants of Guatemala were fleeing for safety to Mexico and Salvador.

Recent dispatches received from Guatemala have given various estimates of the casualties due to the earthquakes in Guatemala which began the day after Christmas, these ranging from 50 to 2,500.

### SEEKING RELATIVES OF MAN DEAD IN VIRGINIA

News has been received by the local police department that C. L. Williams, of Lynchburg, Va., was found dead in his room at that place a few days ago. Efforts are being made to locate deceased people, who are said to reside near this city. Mr. Williams was a carpenter at Lynchburg and was about 40 years of age.

### FRED PAYNE BACK HOME ON FURLOUGH

Fred Payne, one of the most popular officers who ever served in the ranks of the local police department, but now a member of Uncle Sam's khaki-clad army at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., has been spending a furlough with home folks and friends in Chattanooga. Since his enlistment Mr. Payne has greatly improved in health, and he seems to like army life fine. During his stay here he has been heartily greeted by members of the police department.

### RECORD-BREAKING PRODUCTION OF OIL

Washington, Jan. 9.—Petroleum produced and marketed in the United States in 1917 reached the record-breaking total of 241,900,000 barrels, the geological survey announced in its preliminary yearly estimate. The quantity exceeded by 14 per cent the 1916 record production. Record levels were reached and maintained by prices of crude oil at the wellhead and the enormous demand absorbed not only the current output, but necessitated a net draft of about 21,000,000 barrels on oil in storage. The strategic reserve of crude oil at the end of the year is estimated at 153,000,000 barrels.

### WAY OPEN FOR WOMEN AS TAX COLLECTORS

Washington, Jan. 9.—Internal Revenue Commission has announced the way for women to occupy high positions in the tax collecting organizations of the country by announcing that recommendations for promotion should be on the basis of "ability, faithfulness, efficiency and adaptability," and "without regard to sex." A number of women are employed by revenue collectors and are familiar with tax problems. Under the commission's explanation, many of them may become field agents, or deputy collectors.

### WILL INCREASE ALLOWANCE SUGAR TO CONFECTIONERS

Washington, Jan. 9.—Confectioners and manufacturers of nonessential food products containing sugar can look forward to the prospect of an increase in their allotment, according to an announcement from the United States food administration. In October, when the sugar shortage was most acute, the United States food administration requested the sugar refiners to limit sales to confectioners to 50 per cent of normal requirements, and they complied with fine spirit. Now the food administration has telegraphed to the refiners and dis-

tributors proposing to increase the allowance to 80 per cent, as soon as the normal supply of sugar is assured, and it is not likely that this will be long deferred. But the continuance of this ratio after supplies are available will depend upon the efforts of manufacturers and others to reduce the sugar content of confectionery and soft drinks and the substitution of other sweetening materials.

According to the officials in Washington, the 50 per cent limit has worked but little hardship on the manufacturers of confectionery and sweet drinks, as they had on hand supplies sufficient to keep their plants working at almost normal capacity for several months. It did, however, benefit the sugar supply in general by preventing the possible accumulation of larger quantities than were necessary for immediate use.

### WOMAN ELECTED HEAD BOARD OF EDUCATION

Knoxville, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Charles A. Perkins, wife of a member of the University of Tennessee faculty, was last night elected president of the city board of education. She succeeds ex-Mayor Heiskell, resigned. Mrs. Perkins is a well-known club woman.

### FARMERS' UNION OF MARION IS PROSPEROUS

(Special to The News.)

Sequatchie, Jan. 9.—The stockholders of the Farmers' Supply company, of Jasper, the store operated by the Farmers' union of the county, met in Jasper Saturday for their annual meeting. The business is in a prosperous condition, and the directors were authorized to double the present size of the store building so as to give room for increased business. The work of the board of directors was endorsed and they were re-elected, as follows: J. D. Lay, E. B. Alder, T. B. Lasater, F. L. Ashburn and James Wells. A movement is being made to largely increase the stock in the company, the members taking additional shares, so as to increase the lines carried in the store.

### JAPANESE BANKERS LEND TEN MILLION YEN TO CHINA

Peking, Jan. 9.—Japanese financiers have signed, in the name of the international group of bankers, a 10,000,000 yen loan to China. The terms of the loan are that it shall run one year, with interest at 7 per cent, and bank's commission of 1 per cent. The security given is the surplus of the salt revenue. The proceeds of the loan will be used to increase the value of the notes of the Bank of China.

A dispatch from Peking Dec. 31 announced that Japan was negotiating an advance to China of 10,000,000 pounds sterling for improving the status of the Bank of China. The negotiations, the dispatch said, were being carried out with the knowledge of the American, British, French and Russian banking groups formed before the war to finance China.

### N. C. & ST. L. DIRECTORS MEET

Nashville, Jan. 9.—The regular semiannual dividend of 3 1/2 per cent, payable on Feb. 1, was declared at the quarterly meeting of the board of directors of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway Tuesday.

The following directors were present at the meeting, which was presided over by Whiteford R. Cole, chairman of the board: John Howe Peyton, president; A. H. Robinson, W. W. Berry, C. H. Brandon, E. W. Thompson, G. N. Tillman, V. E. Shwab and Claude Walker, Nashville, and J. H. Crichtlow, Murfreesboro.

### NORWEGIAN SHIP NEAR COAST HAS EXPLOSION

An Atlantic Port, Jan. 9.—One fireman was killed, another seriously injured and several other members of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Ejlert were hurt yesterday by an explosion in the hull when the ship was several miles offshore. Two physicians were sent out to the steamer in a tug in response to distress signals which were seen by a coast guard patrol.

### NORFOLK DOCKS TAKEN OVER BY U. S. GOVERNMENT

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 9.—Announcement was made in the city council last night that the United States government had taken over the Norfolk municipal docks at a monthly rent of \$2,500 and acquired 68 acres of adjacent property for the construction of a great army tidewater depot at a total estimated cost of \$32,000,000.

The city, under the government plan, has a duty which is to make a long-term sale of the property to the government, or in place of that to continue the lease until one year after the war and thereafter purchase the government improvements.

### Hamburg Lightless

Amsterdam, Dec. 5.—(Correspondence. Associated Press.)—Hamburg, Germany's second largest city, now entirely without street illumination at night, in consequence of the shortage of coal, which has curtailed the output of gas and electricity.

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